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SUBJECT: ENERGY: AUSTRIA CONSIDERING MORE RIGOROUS FUEL
CONSERVATION MEASURES

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SUMMARY: CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAS GIVEN PREVIEW OF PROBABLE
FURTHER FUEL CONSERVATION MEASURES TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER CHRIST-
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MAST AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. LEGISLATION USTHORIZING NO-AUTO-

MOBILE DAYS SHOULD BE ENACTED DEC 14 OR 15. GOVERNMENT OPPOSES RATIONING, BUT THERE IS INCREASING PUBLIC DEBATE OF QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING DEC 11 CABINET MEETING, CHANCELLOR KREISKY ANNOUNCED FURTHER PLANNED FUEL CONSERVATION MEASURES WHICH ARE EXPECTED GO INTO EFFECT AFTER FINAL APPROVAL JAN 8-9 CABINET CAUCUS: ONE OR TWO DAY PER WEEK DRIVING BAN ON DAY OR DAYS OF MOTORISTS' CHOICE; REDUCTION OF TELEVISION PROGRAM TRANSMISSION TIME, PERHAPS TO 10:30 P.M.; AND REDUCTION IN SHOW WINDOW LIGHTING. DURING REMARKS, KREISKY URGED VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION MEASURES, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING FORMATION OF CAR POOLS AND LOWERING OF HOME TEMPERATURES BY TWO DEGREES.

2. PARLIAMENT EXPECTED ENACT LEGISLATION DEC 14 OR 15 AUTHORIZING MINISTER OF TRADE TO PROHIBIT USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME AND TO SET FINES OF UP TO AS30,000 FOR VIOLATIONS OF DRIVING BANS AND SPEED LIMITS. NATIONALRAT (PARLIAMENT) TRADE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THIS LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1974.

3. WHILE IT APPEARS CERTAIN AFOREMENTIONED PARTIAL DRIVING BAN WILL BE TRIED NEXT MONTH, PUBLIC DEBATE IS HEATING UP ON PROS AND CONS OF GASOLINE RATIONING. KREISKY HAS TERMED RATIONING "THE VERY LAST RESORT" DUE TO INEVITABILITY OF BLACK OR GRAY MARKET. OEVF LEADER SCHLEINZER, ON OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO FAVOR RATIONING OVER PARTIAL DRIVING BANS AS MORE EQUITABLE AND PRACTICAL SOLUTION. RATIONING ALSO RECOMMENDED BY AUSTRIAN AUTOMOBILE CLUBS. A GENERAL SUNDAY DRIVING BAN NOW SEEMS OUT OF QUESTION DUE STRONG OPPOSITION OF TOURIST INDUSTRY.

4. REMARKING THAT MOTOR FUEL IS NOW ARRIVING FROM ITALY AND GERMANY "DROP BY DROP", SOME AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPERS CONTEND THAT THE MAJORS CANNOT BE INTERESTED IN AUSTRIA DUE TO THE RELATIVELY LOW FIXED PRICES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREVAILING HERE. A SHELL OFFICIAL, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRY, IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT THE COMPANIES WILL SUPPLY AUSTRIA WITH REFINED PRODUCTS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES QUOTE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE UNQUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL TOLD ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HE

BELIEVES RATIONING MAY OCCUR AND MINAG*TOLD HIM
THAT, FROM AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT, RATIONING IS AN
ABSOLUTE NECESSITY; OTHERWISE AGRICULTURE WOULD END
UP ON SHORT END OF SUPPLY SPECTRUM. FOREGOING INDI-
CATES LIVELY INTER-AGENCY DEBATE NOW IN PROCESS ON
QUESTION OF RATIONING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.MOWINCKEL

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